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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2005, applicants hereby elect Species II of (Figs. 2-3). Claims 1, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 read on the Species II.

Further, applicants traverse the requirement of Election between Species II and III. Both of these species has a deformable element arranged between the pinion and the output member. The arrangement of the parts in Species II is slightly different than in Species III. However, species II and III define the same patentable invention and are not patentably distinct.

Moreover, the search and prior art relevant to Species II would be relevant to Species III. Thus examining both species in one application shou'd save on the Patent Office work load as compared to the Paten: Office handling two applications.

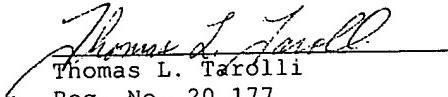
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Claim 14 reads on the species of Fig. III in addition to claims 1, 12, 18 and 20-26.

In summary applicants request Examination of Species II and Species III, namely claims 1, 12-14, 18 and 20-26.

An action on the merits is requested.

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